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In re Patent Application of:

WHALEN, Thomas J., et al.

Application No.: 09/973,951

Group Art Unit: 1617

Filed: October 11, 2001

Examiner: S. Sharareh

For: NOVEL COMPOSITIONS FOR USE IN
EMBOLIZING BLOOD VESSELS

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 26, 2003 (Paper No. 7), for which a response was due on June 26, 2003. Submitted concurrently herewith is an extension in time for 3 month up to and including September 26, 2003, along with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicants have given careful consideration to the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action, and present the following Amendments and Remarks in response.

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